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1. Hasan Hamzani, Salih Ali, and Ahmad Khatib, followers of the Late Sulayman Murshid, Syrian deputy and Alawite leader, came to Beirut from Latakia on 21 January 1949 and visited the Armenian Orthodox Patriarch, Hovsepian, at Antelias, through arrangements made by Artin Nasarian,* who lived in Latakia during the mandate and was a friend of Murshid.
2. The Patriarch immediately contacted Archak Saridissian, an official at the Soviet Legation, who led the delegation. The leaders gave Saridissian an appeal addressed to the Soviet Legation and signed by Alawite notables, expressing their dissatisfaction with the Syrian Government for persecuting them and for denying them reforms and rations, and asking that the attention of the Soviet Government be directed to remedying their condition.
3. Viktor Kitashov, a senior officer at the Soviet Legation, also met with the Alawites, gave them some money, and said that Daniel Solod, the Soviet Minister, was ready to convey their appeal to his Government. He asked them to continue their contacts with the Soviet Legation and to keep it informed of activities in their area through Dr. Nasib Jundi, who lives in Hama.
4. On 23 January Muharrad Arif Halil and Nabho Sheikh 'Ati-al-Rahman, Kurdish notables from Kurdistan, Qada of Aleppo Province, visited the Soviet Legation in Beirut. They were accompanied by Tawfiq Bey, former officer in the Circassian Brigade formed by General Collet.
5. The two Kurds discussed with Daniel Solod the question of the formation of a Kurdish state, for which the Kurds are waiting impatiently, source states. They demanded that the subject be raised at the United Nations meetings, saying that the Kurds along the Turkish and Syrian frontiers are completely ready for rebellion, if need be. Solod reassured them, source claims, and said that the first aim of the Soviet Union is the realization of the Kurdish state at the earliest possible opportunity.

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6. The Syrian Declassification Bureau learned from a Kurdish source in Damascus that Fu'ad Bey Jamil was to come to Damascus from the Jazirah on 19 January 1949 to report to Soviet officials on the progress of Kurdish Communist activities during the last months of 1948, and to outline to the Soviet officials the difficulties which the Kurds were having to carry out work assigned to them by the Soviets in October or November 1948. Fu'ad Bey Jamil was also to request more arms and money from the Soviet officials. Jamil was later directed by the Soviet Legation in Damascus to go to Beirut, where he would be met by the "proper officer from Damascus," source states.

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- * ~~Comment~~. Artin Nazarian (Artin Nazarov) was reported in May 1948 as a Communist paymaster in the Levant.

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- ** ~~Comment~~. A source with excellent contacts among official circles in Beirut reports that the Kurds in the Middle East are planning a meeting with the Soviets on 1 May 1949 on the Iranian-Soviet border, to discuss the boundaries of an independent Kurdish state.

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